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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

No. 3.

In presenting the Duties of Officers, we shall not attempt to particularize every thing that may fall to the lot of the several officers, but mention only the more important and at the same time present a method or plan of Sunday school work, which may bring about good results in gaining better records of this department of Church work, and thus make a better showing to ourselves and the world, as well as bring about a more abundant harvest.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The first duty of the Superintendent is to secure system in every part of Sunday school work: He must first begin with himself. The first step to secure this result is to have a meeting of all the officers and consult as to the best methods of conducting the school. The Superintendent must not presume upon his knowing everything, if he wishes to secure the cooperation of the school and do successful work; the other officers and teachers should be invited to become, individually, assistants and help the Superintendent bear the burden of responsibility. In this meeting, the first thing is to decide upon what the exercises of the school shall embrace and upon a program of them. We present the following as the probable result of this deliberation:

1. Call to order.
 2. Distribution of music books and lesson leaves.
 3. Music.
 4. Responsive reading of Scripture lesson.
 5. Prayer.
 6. Music.
 7. Secretary's report of previous meeting.
 8. Music.
 9. Arrangement of classes.
 10. Lesson.
 - a. Calling roll.
 - b. Taking Collection.
 - c. Reading Lesson.
 - d. Recitation.
 - e. Conclusion.
 11. Arrangement for closing exercises.
 12. Music.
 13. Review.
 14. Miscellaneous.
 15. Music.
 16. Closing.
- Having adopted a programme, always modified by attendant circumstances which determined its

character, it will be the duty of the Superintendent to strictly carry it out, allowing nothing to interfere. He should always commence at the specified time and close with the same regularity, in this way work will be done. If the pupils are absent begin with only the officers and teachers: if the officers and teachers are not present, and unusual occurrence, begin work without them. If you wait once, you will be called upon to tarry a second time.

Having entered upon the programme it should be carried out with thoroughness and dispatch. Should a teacher or officer be absent, the superintendent will supply one from the "reserves." Should strangers be present they should be waited upon and courteously invited to take part in the services, never insisting if the invitation is declined. The classes must be arranged at the opening of the school and teachers assigned in a manner that the most good may result and these should be visited frequently by the Superintendent and note taken of their progress.

In short, the Superintendent must oversee every thing without officiousness and carefully correct or improve, where it may be done, by consultation and cooperation and not dictation.

There should be weekly meetings of the officers, for discussion of the lesson and methods of Sunday school work.

THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary should carefully record the attendance of each member of the School, the proceedings for each particular Sunday, the lesson recited, the contribution of each class, and anything of a miscellaneous character of import to the school. At the close of each quarter or term, he should make out a summary of these things, showing the attendance of the members, the percentage of attendance of each class, and of the school, etc., etc.

As a means to perform this work with ease and satisfaction, I would prepare a separate sheet for each class, the following suggested:

Brethren's Sunday School.

Report of M——'s Class for the term beginning July 6th, 1884, and ending September 28th, 1884.

Names	July			August			September		
	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Contributions									

Secretary.

This I would hand to the teacher and request that the attendance of each member be marked, and the contribution of the class. After it is filled out, this may be taken up and recorded permanently in the Secretary's book, to be read the following Sunday. A record of visitors should also be kept.

THE TREASURER.

It will be the duty of the treasurer to keep a strict account of all the receipts from each class and other sources, and of all disbursements. He must manage the finances of the school and be able to make a complete report at the end of each quarter or term.

THE LIBRARIANS.

If the school possesses a library, as it should in these days of cheap books, there will be required, at least, two librarians. The distribution and collection of books should be effected with the least disturbance possible. To accomplish this there should be a catalogue of books for each class, from which the members may select without examining the books and throwing things into confusion to the inconvenience of the Librarian. One can be suited in this way about as well as by examination and it will be but a short time till each member will know what he wants from an interchange of opinion with others. Now I would arrange a card similar to the one before proposed for the Secretary; this would be given the class and each member can mark in the column of that particular Sunday the number of the book he desires, as ascertained from the Catalogue furnished the teacher; the librarian takes this card and furnishes the numbers desired by the class to the teacher who distributes them to the class at the close of the recitation. On the next Sunday, if the book obtained the previous Sunday is returned the number of the book returned is cancelled and the pupil may take out another. In this way there need be little confusion and the librarian keeps a record from which he can easily make a report of the number of books taken out during the quarter or term, the percentage taken out by each class, &c. The librarian should also have charge of all the papers, taken by the school for distribution, but he need not distribute these as this will be part of the duty of another.

THE CHORISTER.

The duty of the chorister is to do all he can to have good music in the School. In this he will be materially aided if the school possess an organ and a good organist. Good music led with enthusiasm by the Chorister will awaken a corre-

ponding enthusiasm in the pupils, which will result, if properly directed, in increasing interest and better singing. It will most likely be necessary to have practice meetings and of these the chorister should have charge. He should spare no effort to produce good singing—the life of Sunday school and church.

USHERS.

Of these there should be one from each class and appointed by the class, if thought best, each Sunday, whose duty it will be to solicit the visitors present to join their class. The usher will at once recognize the fitness or unfitness of the visitor to become a member of his class. An aged person should be solicited to join the class of those of corresponding age; the children, that of children. The Superintendent may have already asked them, but that does not matter; people desire to have an interest taken in them. Two or three ushers may solicit the same person; this is all right and good, but, never insist when the invitation has been declined. These ushers will also obtain the requisite number of papers from the Librarian and distribute them to the members of their class.

In our next, we will discuss the Duties and Responsibilities of the Teacher, as this article has already grown to formidable length. H. F. H.

Editorial Miscellany.

Expressing love, increases love.

Satan always rocks the cradle when we sleep at our devotions.

Bad men will often put forth good motives for their bad deeds.

The true self-examination question is: "Is it I?" not "Is it you?"

The worst enemies of the Gospel are those who pretend to be its friends.

Brother Mason informs us he will be at Fair Haven August 3rd, and at Black River on the 10th.

Brother R. K. Binkley, of Huntington, Indiana, has been afflicted with sore throat for some time, so that at times he could scarcely speak above a whisper. Hope he will recover.

Brethren E. L. Yoder and Edward Mason called upon us, in our sanctum, Monday. They are just as happy and tranquil as ever. Come again brethren.

Brother Holsinger left on Saturday for Fostoria, Ohio. He will return on Tuesday. On the 30th he will go to Fair Haven, and from there, on August 1st, he goes to Black River.

Brother W. C. Perry and wife will start for Ashland August 6th. Brother Perry has been busy during vacation, but says he has a few more sermons to preach and then he is ready for school work.

Brother W. J. H. Bauman states that he has just returned from Beatrice, and that there are fine prospects there. Oh, that we had more laborers to gather the golden grain. "The harvest is ready, but the laborers are few."

At last we have been blessed with rain. It was greatly needed, as the drouth has been long and severe. Crops, though they may not be so bountiful as they would have been had we received rain sooner, will still be very good.

Prof. D. I. Brumbaugh, who has been at the Spencerian Business College, Cleveland, O., engaged in teaching and perfecting himself in penmanship, informs us that he will be at home the latter part of the week, and will be ready for work on the 12th. He says Ashland college is the place for him, and he is anxious to get back.

A little over a year ago a certain German Baptist elder of northeastern Ohio, publicly gave thanks for the peace and harmony in the church consequent upon the expulsion of the "progressives." Judging from the proceedings of the Maple Grove council meeting last week his thanksgiving was somewhat premature.

As brother Holsinger will be away much of the time this fall, and as the paper will scarcely "pay out" this year, we trust that our subscribers will indulge us in occasional half sheets, as it will be a great saving of expense to us.

As the college will open August 12th, we trust the correspondents will contribute liberally, that the editorial work may be as light as possible.

We issue No. 30 as a halfsheet. Since our last issue the printing office has been moved into the College Boarding Hall, whither Bro. Holsinger has moved his family, intending to take control.

We have brother Henry's word for it that he has never occupied so desirable an office before. For our part, we think it would be difficult to find so desirable a place anywhere. The office may now be found in the south end of the Boarding Hall.

Brother Yoder desires us to say that he now has a report from the Farmersville and Lexington church, but Bear Creek and Rosstown have not yet reported; neither is there any report from any of the Highland and Adams county Brethren

churches. Who will volunteer to report these? There are other churches not yet reported. Brethren everywhere should interest themselves in this matter, and send the names of the churches not reported and the proper party to address to get the desired report.

Brother A. H. Cassel, of Harleysville, Pa., has donated two hundred and sixty volumes of good books to Ashland college. We thank you, brother Cassel, more than we can express. Oh, that other members of our church would take a like interest in the college. How many have good books that they can easily spare! If they would only donate them to the college library, it would be as "seed sown in good ground" that will bring forth an abundant harvest.

Brethren, send us what you can, little though it be, and assist in the cause of christian education.

Brother Holsinger and family now have charge of the Boarding Hall and will make it a pleasant home for all the students that may board there.

Parents at a distance may send their children to school knowing they will be under the best of care, in a christian family.

Brother Holsinger desires a man and woman to assist them in the hall, to do general work. The man should have ability in the use of tools.

Now, if there is a brother or sister who can fill these places and would like to have a home in the church and good employment, we would be pleased to hear from them at once. We wish to secure members of the church for these positions. A man and wife would find this a desirable place.

The next term of college begins August 12th. Now, brethren, send us students. Your children need to be educated. You can give them no treasure equal to a cultivated mind. "Moth nor rust cannot corrupt nor thieves break through nor steal."

Ashland college is the only school of the Brethren church, and hence should receive the support of every member. If you can not send a student, try and have some one else do so. We want your assistance in making an educational institution in the church that will be a power for good—that will prepare reapers for the harvest of souls that all say is awaiting. Interest yourselves, brethren, in this work.

Send us names of those who will probably attend school.

Send for catalogues.

Grand Excursion to Dayton, Ohio, via B. & O. R. R., on July 29th and 30th, 1884, to the Soldier's Reunion and Dedication of Soldiers' Monument.

On the above dates, the B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell round trip excursion tickets to Dayton and return, at low excursion rates. Tickets will be good returning to August 1st, inclusive.

PROGRAM OF THE RE-UNION.

July 29th.—Regimental and Company reunions. In the evening a monster camp fire at the fair grounds.

July 30th.—Grand army day—parade of the Grand Army of the Republic; 10,000 men in line. In the evening grand battle between gunboats and forts on the Miami river.

July 31st.—Dedication and unveiling of Soldiers' Monument; grand parade of old soldiers and civic societies, and grand display of fire works in evening.

The oration will be delivered by General Jos. R. Hawley.

The President of the United States and cabinet, and Generals Sheridan, Grant, Sherman, Hancock, and other distinguished men have been invited and are expected to be present.

Correspondence.

A CARD.

Sunday School Workers, Western District of Pa. and Elsewhere:

The Sabbath school convention for the western district of Pa. was appointed for September 9th and 10th, 1884.

The brethren of Conemaugh asked for this convention and want it, but we don't want any failure. Now, will all the friends of Sunday school work please send by postal or otherwise their names, suggestions, subjects, etc., and say whether we can expect your presence. Please be prompt; would like to have the reply to this by August 9th, 1884, so we can arrange programme. This notice applies to Ohio also. Come, send on your names. D. F. RAMSEY.

Conemaugh, Pa., July 26th, 1884.

Brother H. R. Holsinger:

On the first page of your paper of May 14th you printed an original poem, and you put the word "selected" before the authors name without authority. Please correct the mistake. JOSEPH JODER.

Oak Grove, Ill.